AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The face image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:~~ A face image processing apparatus, comprising:

a face region detecting unit including a plurality of face region detecting sections each configured to detect a face feature point of a person to be identified from one of a plurality of images picked up by a plurality of imaging units, respectively, to detect a face region;

a face feature extracting unit including a plurality of face feature extracting sections each configured to extract a face feature from one of the images corresponding to the face region detected by one of the plurality of face region detecting sections;

a photograph judging unit configured to compare a <u>first</u> face feature extracted by a <u>first</u> one of the plurality of face feature extracting sections with a <u>second</u> face feature extracted by ~~the other~~ <u>a second one</u> of the plurality of face feature extracting sections to judge whether a photographic subject imaged by the plurality of imaging units is a photograph[[.]];

a person recognizing unit configured to calculate a similarity measure based on a face feature of a specific person being previously registered and a face feature

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determined from the face features extracted by the face feature extracting sections, to

recognize the person to be identified; and

an output apparatus providing a recognition result received from the person

recognizing unit.

4-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The certification apparatus as claimed in claim 7, further~~

~~comprising:~~ A certification apparatus, comprising:

a plurality of imaging units which pick up a plurality of images of a first person,

respectively;

a plurality of face region detecting units each configured to detect a face feature

point of the first person from each of the plurality of images to detect a face region

corresponding to the face feature point;

a face feature extracting unit configured to extract a face feature from images

each corresponding to the face region detected by one of the plurality of face region

detecting units;

a photograph judging unit configured to judge whether a photographic subject

imaged by the plurality of imaging units is a photograph; and

a person recognizing unit configured to calculate a similarity measure between a

face feature of a specific person being previously registered and the face feature

extracted by the face feature extracting unit, to recognize the first person;

wherein the face feature extracted by the face feature extracting unit includes a

plurality of [[the]] face features corresponding to the respective images; and

the photograph judging unit compares the plurality of face features with each

other to judge whether the photographic subject is a photograph.

9. (Currently Amended) The certification apparatus as claimed in claim 8,

wherein the photograph judging unit converts an inclination of one of the plurality

of face features to compare the one of the plurality of face features with [[the other]]

another one of the plurality of face features.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A certification apparatus, comprising:

a plurality of imaging units which pick up a plurality of images respectively;

a plurality of face feature point extracting units each configured to extract a face

feature point from one of the plurality of images;

an others mixture judging unit configured to judge whether an identical person is

indicated by [[the]] a first face feature point extracted by a first one of the plurality of

face feature point extracting units and by the a second face feature point extracted the

other by a second one of the plurality of face feature point extracting units; and

a person recognizing unit configured to recognize a person according to the first and second face feature ~~point~~ points when the others mixture judging unit judges that [[an]] the identical person is indicated.

12-14. (Canceled)